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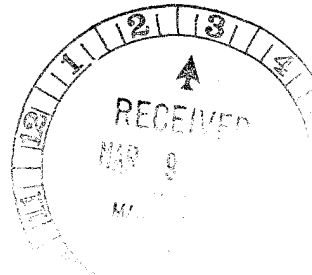
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1) Oral Argument

Dear Secretary Williams:

In response to the Board's notice served on February 23, 2001 in the above-referenced proceeding, the undersigned requests to appear at the oral hearing on behalf of the following Subscribing Coal Shippers:

Western Coal Traffic League,
American Public Power Association,
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association,
Alliant Energy Corporation,
City of Grand Island, Nebraska
City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri
Lafayette Utilities System,
Platte River Power Authority,
Salt River Project Agricultural
Improvement and Power District,
Texas Municipal Power Agency and
Northern State Power Minnesota D/B/A Excel Energy

Counsel for Subscribing Coal Shippers will address the principal competition and service concerns set forth in

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
March 9, 2001
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Subscribing Coal Shippers' Comments in this proceeding. Five minutes of speaking time is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John LeSeur", written in a cursive style.

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An Attorney for Subscribing
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cc: Parties of Record